

Pupil Transportation

AN OVERVIEW



NEW BRUNSWICK

LEGAL AUTHORITY

EDUCATION ACT

AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE CONVEYANCE FOR STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (*SECTION 53*)

REGULATION 2001-51 UNDER THE EDUCATION ACT

LEGISLATION THAT GOVERN THE OPERATION OF THE PUPIL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

MOTOR VEHICLE ACT

ESTABLISHES RULES FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVER CLASSIFICATION AND STANDARDS FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AND TRAFFIC RULES

ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK

MANDATE

In co-operation with the school district transportation officers, the Pupil Transportation Branch of the Department of Education is charged with the administration of a safe, efficient and dependable pupil transportation system.

OBJECTIVES

Coordinate the development / revision of administrative policies and the production of support material / documentation in the area of pupil transportation management

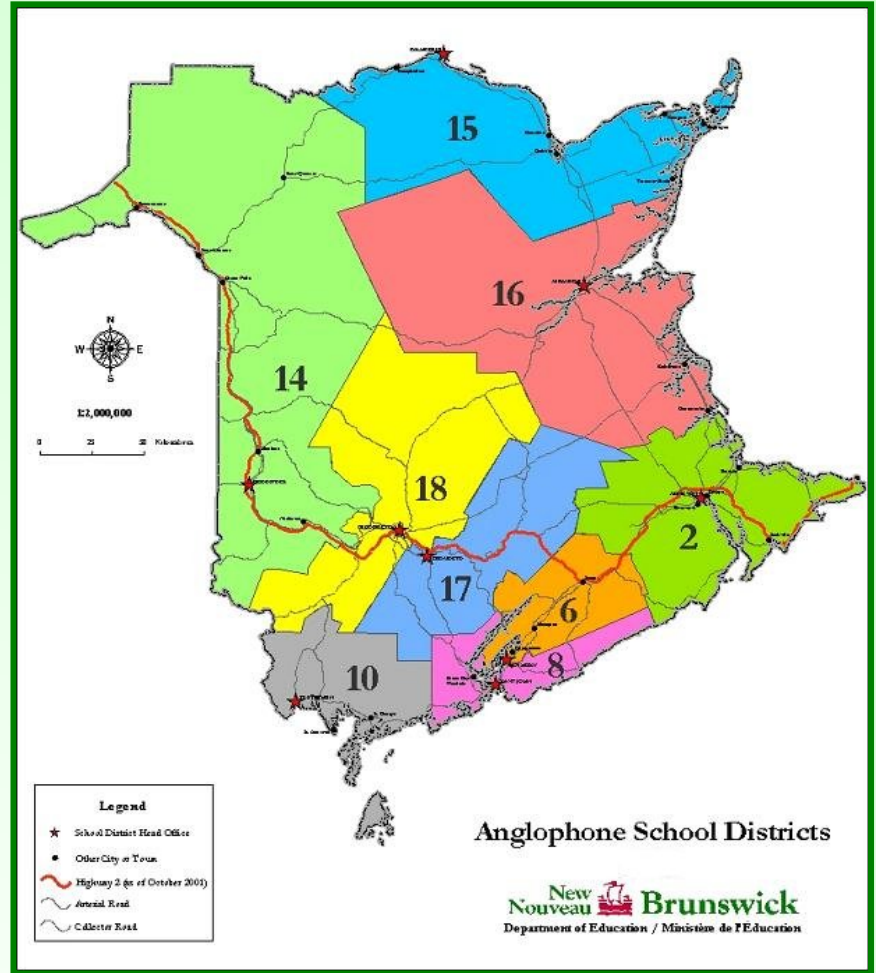
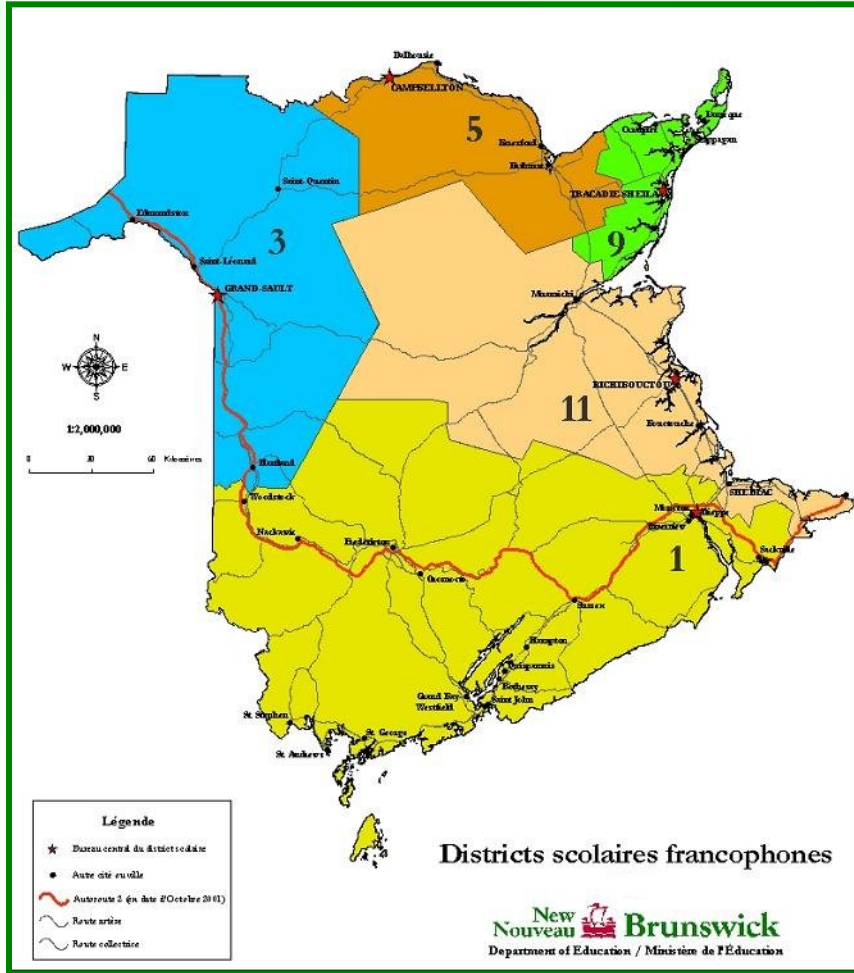
Provide and define training requirements for all potential and regular school bus drivers, as well as promote safety and proper conduct on school buses with the collaboration of local school administrations

Assess planning practices (routing and scheduling of school buses) within the various regions of the province and recommend, if necessary, adjustments or new approaches allowing for the optimal use of vehicles, as well as related financial and human resources

Maintain a close link with educational services to ensure that school transportation plays its support services role in the education system; the office of the provincial Registrar for the application of sections of the Motor Vehicle Act that pertains to pupil transportation; the Vehicle Management Agency that looks after the purchase and maintenance of vehicles and; the Commercial Enforcement Branch, Department of Public Safety, which conduct inspections on school buses

Maintain data and pertinent information to determine school districts' budget allocation for school bus operation and to conduct statistical analysis and research.

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK SCHOOL DISTRICTS



PUPIL TRANSPORTATION PER SCHOOL DISTRICT

(2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR)

DISTRICT	LANG	DISTRICT OFFICE	STUDENTS	SCHOOLS	BUSES
01	F	Dieppe	6,936	13	63
03	F	Grand-Sault	7,235	23	91
05	F	Campbellton	6,087	22	70
09	F	Tracadie-Sheila	7,675	23	100
11	F	Richibouctou	6,393	21	83
			34,326	102	407
2	E	Moncton	16,671	38	125
6	E	Rothesay	10,463	24	112
8	E	Saint John	13,477	37	110
10	E	St. Stephen	4,521	16	55
14	E	Woodstock	8,699	30	130
15	E	Dalhousie	4,127	16	58
16	E	Miramichi	6,600	21	94
17	E	Oromocto	5,628	18	65
18	E	Fredericton	12,633	34	130
			82,819	234	879
		TOTAL	117,145	336	1,286

GENERAL

REGULAR BUSES	1,056
SPARE BUSES	143
CONTRACTED BUSES	78
OTHER CONTRACTS (CARS, VANS, ETC.)	100
STUDENT CONVEYED (DAILY)	95,000*
MILEAGE (YEARLY/KM)	27,520,860
BUDGET (OPERATION 2004-2005)	\$ 47,439,084
CAPITAL (BUS REPLACEMENT 2004-2005)	\$ 6,242,600

* Include students conveyed by city transit systems in Fredericton and Saint John

TYPE OF DRIVERS BY CLASSIFICATION

2004-2005
(Provincial Drivers)

"B" DRIVER	-	8 HOURS DAILY	186
"A" DRIVER	-	6 HOURS DAILY	131
"C" DRIVER	-	7 HOURS DAILY	180
DRIVER PAID BY THE HOUR			589

TOTAL **1,086 Drivers**

DEFINITION OF A SCHOOL VEHICLE

BUS

means any motor vehicle designed for carrying ten or more passengers and used for the transportation of persons.

SCHOOL VEHICLE *means* a motor vehicle operated by a school district or under a conveyance contract for the conveyance of pupils in the public school system and excludes motor vehicles in a public transit system.

SCHOOL BUS

means a school vehicle that is a bus, is painted national school bus yellow and is equipped with a warning system*.

* WARNING SYSTEM

means a system used to warn motorists that a school bus is stopping for loading or unloading passengers, that consists of amber flashing warning lights, red flashing warning lights and a stop arm.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS FOR BUS DRIVERS

AGE REQUIREMENT

Person is no less than 21 years of age and no more than 65 years of age

DRIVER'S CLASS

Class 1 or 2 with a B endorsement and renewed every two years

DRIVER ABSTRACT

Every 2 years upon renewal of licence

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

Every 2 years upon renewal of licence

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

Once as a condition of employment

FIRST AID TRAINING

A valid emergency first aid training

DRIVER TRAINING

A one-week driver training program

DRIVER TRAINING PROGRAM

PROGRAM FOR NEW DRIVERS

5 DAYS

DRIVER AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES	1/2 DAY
PRE-TRIP INSPECTION	1 DAY
DISCIPLINE ON SCHOOL BUSES, EMERGENCY EVACUATION, ENERGY CONSERVATION, ETC.	1/2 DAY
PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS IMPROVEMENT COURSE	1 DAY
AIR BRAKE SYSTEM AND BASIC FUNCTIONS	1 DAY
EMERGENCY FIRST AID	1 DAY

A REFRESHER COURSE IS GIVEN ANNUALLY TO ALL REGULAR DRIVERS.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- CHILDREN ENROLLED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 - STUDENTS RESIDING MORE THAN 2.4 KM FROM SCHOOL
 - STUDENTS RESIDING MORE THAN 1.5 KM ON SIDE ROADS
-

Specific transportation arrangements can be made for special needs students.

Superintendent, with the approval of the District Education Council and within their budget limit, may provide conveyance of pupils within those distances.

FLEET MAINTENANCE & OPERATION

VEHICLE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

SPECIAL OPERATING AGENCY UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

- HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REPAIRS OF SCHOOL BUSES
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM
- CONDUCTS A MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION TWICE A YEAR ON ALL SCHOOL BUSES